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1. ON JULY 15 AFTER MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS,
FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAIRATTAKUN HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE.
2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT ADMIRAL GAYLOR'S TESTI-
MONY IN WHICH GAYLER ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT 3,000 AMERICAN TROOPS
WOULD REMAIN IN THAILAND FM PHICHAIR SAID QUOTE ... I ASKED
...(ABOUT) THE DATE ON WHICH THAT CONVERSATION OR TESTIMONY
OCCURRED. ... I SAID THAT THAT IS THE ANSWER, BECAUSE
ALL MASS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL MOST PROBABLY REMEMBER
THAT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT
REGARDING RAMASUN, THE U.S. SPOKE OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS,
OR TECHNICIANS WHO MUST REMAIN IN RAMASUN. THE NUMBER WAS
STATED AS 3,000 MEN ... UNQUOTE.
3. ON THE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS WHO WILL REMAIN AT RAMASUN
FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAIR SAID THAT AS OF TODAY LESS THAN
100 TECHNICIANS REMAIN THERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN ABOUT
TWO DAYS THERE WILL BE A JOINT US-THAI STATEMENT ON
RAMASUN.
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